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SUBJECT: IESC IN LIBYA

1. EMBASSY UNABLE CONTACT KARAH OF KUFRA AUTHORITY DIRECTLY BECAUSE HE AND ENTIRE STAFF HAVE NOW MOVED TO BENGHAZI. WE WOULD NOT WITH TO DISCUSS IESC STATUS WITH HIM OVER TELEPHONE, AND EVEN TO DO THIS WE WOULD REQUIRE MFA PERMISSION, WHICH CAN INVOLVE DELAY.

2. QUITE CREDIBLE THAT IESC FILES LOST DURING RECENT KUFRA MOVE FROM TRIPOLI TO BENGHAZI. WE ATTEMPTED CONTACT KARAH OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL AT AUTHORITY DURING FEBRUARY IN CONNECTION WITH VISITING AGRIBUSINESS TRADE MISSION AND FOUND HAM- HANDED LABORERS DUMPING FILES AND FURNITURE INTO VANS WITH NO ONE VISIBLY IN CHARGE.

3. AFTER BRIEFING WALLING ON FOREGOING SUGGEST EMBASSY ADVISE HIM PERSONAL VISIT TO LAR BEST WAY TO PUSH FORWARD DECISION ON IESC PROJECTS. WE HAAVE NO REASONS TO BELIEVE KARAH NO LONGER INTERESTED IN CORPS SERVICES. THOUGH KARAH NOW STATIONED IN BENGHAZI HE IS OCCASIONALLY CALLED TO TRIPOLI FOR CONSULTATIONS, SO WALLING SHOULD ALLOW FOR VISITS TO BOTH CITIES DURING ANY TRIP HERE.
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